ROAD BY THE SIDE OF KUNNAMKULAM GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL—CONSTRUCTION OF.

174. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received any representations from the public about the necessity of opening a road from the back side of the Kunnamkulam Girls' High School to the nearest point on the Panangayi road;

(2) whether the Head Mistress of the school has reported to the Director the necessity of a motorable road to come behind the school;

(3) whether the Government be pleased to enquire and find out whether grown-up girls when swooned were carried by men on their hands to the car from the High School premises;

(4) if the answer to questions (2) and (3) are in the affirmative, will the Government explain why such an important affair was delayed so long;

(5) whether the Government be pleased to take up the matter in earnest and finish up this small connection during the course of this year;

(6) The shortest of the proposed connection?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

(1) No.

(2) No.

(3) Yes, on some occasions.

(4) The importance has not been brought home to Government so far as is sought to be done now.

(5) Will be taken up subject to the availability of funds.

(6) Along the eastern boundary of the private compound on the northern side of the school.

MALA CANAL—DEEPENING OF.

175. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether in pursuance of the promise given by the Chief Engineer during the last budget session, any orders have been passed to deepen the canal leading to the landing place at Mala;

(*b*) if the answer to question (*a*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to do it without further delay?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) and (*b*) An estimate for the work has been ordered.

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Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I know when we will have the canal ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I think the work can be started this year.

RURAL DISPENSARY—EDATHIRINJI.

176. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there was not a proposal to start a rural dispensary at Edathirinji;

(*b*) has it not been brought to the notice of the Government that a Rural Dispensary is a very urgent necessity in that locality;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to go into the matter at its earliest opportunity ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Rural Dispensaries have been requested for in many places, but the necessity for one at this particular place has not been recognised by Government.

(*c*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer given above.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): May I know, Sir, under what conditions rural dispensaries are started ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): The considerations are, the requirements of the public, the nearness of the existing medical institutions and the population of the locality, etc.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Which is the nearest medical institution to Edathirinji ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): Kattur or Irinjalakkuda.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): How many miles away from Kattur and how many miles away from Irinjalakkuda ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): About $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 miles.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Is this criterion generally followed in the case of all rural dispensaries ?

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